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TITLE OF INVENTION: SYSTEM, DEVICE, AND METHOD FOR CONTROLLING ACCESS IN A MULTICAST COMMUNICATION NETWORK

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(application filed on or after May 29, 2000)

The Patent Term Adjustment to date is 2010 day(s). If the issue fee is paid on the date that is three months after the mailing date of this notice and the patent issues on the Tuesday before the date that is 28 weeks (six and a half months) after the mailing date of this notice, the Patent Term Adjustment will be 2010 day(s).

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Notice of Allowability

Application No.

09/607,007

Examiner

AZIZUL CHOUDHURY

Applicant(s)

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-- The MAILING DATE of this communication appears on the cover sheet with the correspondence address--

All claims being allowable, PROSECUTION ON THE MERITS IS (OR REMAINS) CLOSED in this application. If not included herewith (or previously mailed), a Notice of Allowance (PTOL-85) or other appropriate communication will be mailed in due course. **THIS NOTICE OF ALLOWABILITY IS NOT A GRANT OF PATENT RIGHTS.** This application is subject to withdrawal from issue at the initiative of the Office or upon petition by the applicant. See 37 CFR 1.313 and MPEP 1308.

- 1. This communication is responsive to 11/22/2011.
- 2. An election was made by the applicant in response to a restriction requirement set forth during the interview on _____; the restriction requirement and election have been incorporated into this action.
- 3. The allowed claim(s) is/are 1-8, 10-16, 18-25, 27-28, 31-45, 47-61, 63-68, 70-75, 77-87, 89-105, 108-128 and 131-144.
- 4. Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
 - a) All b) Some* c) None of the:
 - 1. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 - 2. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 - 3. Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this national stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* Certified copies not received: _____.

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- 7. DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

Attachment(s)

- 1. Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- 2. Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- 3. Information Disclosure Statements (PTO/SB/08), Paper No./Mail Date _____
- 4. Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit of Biological Material
- 5. Notice of Informal Patent Application
- 6. Interview Summary (PTO-413), Paper No./Mail Date _____.
- 7. Examiner's Amendment/Comment
- 8. Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance
- 9. Other _____.

/A. C./
Examiner, Art Unit 2453

/Krista M. Zele/
Supervisory Patent Examiner, Art Unit 2453

EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT

An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it MUST be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with Holmes W. Anderson (Reg. No: 37,272) on February 16, 2012.

The application has been amended as follows:

1. (currently amended) A communication system comprising:

a plurality of multicast devices forming a shared multicast distribution tree;

a host device with a processor;

a key server; and

a designated device with a processor, separate from the key server, through which the host device requests access to the shared tree associated with a group, wherein:

the host device obtains access information from the key server for the host device to enable the host device to request access to the shared tree associated with the group, the access information including authentication information unique to the host device/group pair, the authentication information including an access token comprising a host identifier, a token identifier and an authentication key for authenticating the host with the designated device;

the designated device obtains the access information associated with the host device/group pair from the key server for enabling the host device to access the shared tree;

the host device sends an access control message to the designated device to join the shared tree; and

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the designated device uses the access information to authenticate the host device before adding the host device to the shared tree, including using the token identifier to obtain a group identifier and authentication key from memory in order to verify authentication of the host device.

36. (currently amended) The method of claim ~~29~~ 28, wherein the access information further comprises an expiration date for the access token.

61. (currently amended) An apparatus comprising:

authenticating logic operably coupled to authenticate a host device for entry into a multicast group;

access logic, implemented by a processor, operably coupled to generate access information for the host device, the access information including authentication information unique to the host device/multicast group pair, the authentication information including an access token comprising a host identifier, a token identifier and an authentication key for authenticating the host with the designated device; and

distribution logic operably coupled to distribute the access information both to the host

device and to a separate designated device for enabling the host device to access a shared multicast distribution tree through the designated device, the token identifier being used by the designated device to obtain a group identifier and authentication key from memory in order to verify authentication of the host device.

68. (currently amended) A computer program stored on a non-transitory computer-readable storage medium for controlling a key server in a computer system, the computer program comprising:

authenticating logic programmed to authenticate a host device for entry into a multicast group;

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access logic programmed to generate access information for the host device the access information including authentication information unique of the host device/multicast group pair , the authentication information including an access token comprising a host identifier, a token identifier and an authentication key for authenticating the host with the designated device; and

distribution logic programmed to distribute the access information to the host device and to a separate designated device for enabling the host device to access a shared multicast distribution tree through the designated device, the token identifier being used by the designated device to obtain a group identifier and authentication key from memory in order to verify authentication of the host device.

75. (currently amended) An apparatus comprising:

receiving logic operably coupled to receive, from an access information server, access information, the access information enabling the host device to join a multicast group the access information being unique to the host device/multicast group pair , the authentication information including an access token comprising a host identifier, a token identifier and an authentication key for authenticating the host with the designated device; and

access logic, implemented by a processor, operably coupled to generate an access control message for joining the multicast group using the access information and to send the access control message to a designated device separate from the access information server and coupling the host device to the multicast group, the token identifier being used by the designated device to obtain a group identifier and authentication key from memory in order to verify authentication of the host device.

83. (currently amended) The apparatus of claim ~~76~~ 75, wherein the access information further comprises an expiration date for the access token.

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87. (currently amended) A computer program stored on a non-transitory computer-readable storage medium for controlling a computer system, the computer program comprising:

receiving logic programmed to receive access information for joining a multicast group from an access information server, the access information including authentication information unique to a host device/multicast group pair, the authentication information including an access token comprising a host identifier, a token identifier and an authentication key for authenticating the host with the designated device; and

access logic programmed to generate an access control message for joining the multicast group using the access information and to send the access control message to a designated device separate from the access information server and coupling the host device to the multicast group, the token identifier being used by the designated device to obtain a group identifier and authentication key from memory in order to verify authentication of the host device.

95. (currently amended) The computer program of claim ~~88~~ 87, wherein the access information further comprises an expiration date for the access token.

96. (currently amended) The computer program of claim ~~88~~ 87, wherein the access logic is programmed to include the token identifier in the access control message.

99. (currently amended) An apparatus comprising:

receiving logic operably coupled to receive an access control message from a host device, the access control message for permitting the host device to gain access to a multicast group, the access control message including authentication information unique to the host device/multicast group pair, the authentication information including

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an access token comprising a host identifier, a token identifier and an authentication key for authenticating the host with the designated device;

access logic implemented by a processor operably coupled to determine whether the host device is authorized to access a shared multicast distribution tree based upon access information for the host device stored at the apparatus, the stored access information including authentication information unique to the host device/multicast group pair and being received from a separate key server, the token identifier being used by the designated device to obtain a group identifier and authentication key from memory in order to verify authentication of the host device; and

joining logic implemented by a processor operably coupled to join the shared tree on behalf of the host device if the access logic determines that the host device is authorized to access the shared tree.

100. (original) The apparatus of claim 99, wherein the access logic is operably coupled to obtain the access information for the host device from an access information server.

122. (currently amended) A computer program stored on a non-transitory computer-readable storage medium for controlling a computer system, the computer program comprising:

receiving logic programmed to receive an access control message from a host device to enable the host device to join a multicast group, the access control information including authentication information unique to the host device/multicast group pair, the authentication information including an access token comprising a host identifier, a token identifier and an authentication key for authenticating the host with the designated device;

access logic programmed to determine whether the host device is authorized to access a shared multicast distribution tree based upon stored access information for the host device, the stored access information including authentication information unique to the host device/multicast group pair and being received from a separate key server, the

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token identifier being used by the designated device to obtain a group identifier and authentication key from memory in order to verify authentication of the host device; and joining logic programmed to join the shared tree on behalf of the host device if the access logic determines that the host device is authorized to access the shared tree.

Allowable Subject Matter

Claims 1-8, 10-16, 18-25, 27-28, 31-45, 47-61, 63-68, 70-75, 77-87, 89-105, 108-128, and 131-144 are allowed.

Reasons for Allowance

The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance: No prior art could be found to teach all of the claimed features. In particular, no prior art could be found to teach the claimed network layout to provide a multicast distribution tree which applies a token identifier, group identifier and authentication key to authenticate joining members. For further detailed reasons for how the claims define over the prior art, please see the brief filed 7/23/08, the reply brief filed 2/17/09, and the BPAI decision on appeal dated 11/22/11.

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Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to AZIZUL CHOUDHURY whose telephone number is (571)272-3909. The examiner can normally be reached on M-F.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Krista Zele can be reached on (571) 272-7288. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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